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Hon William F. Kuntz  
, U.S. District Court, EDNY  
225 Cadman Plaza East  
Brooklyn, New York 11201

By ECF

Re: United States v Akmal Zakirov, 15 CR 95 (WFK)

Dear Judge Kuntz,

I write to request that I be excused from being present in court on March 16, 2018 when my client Mr. Zakirov is expected to plead guilty. My co-counsel Joshua Dratel, Esq. who has also been assigned by the court in this case will be handling the plea. Because of continuing issues relating to the plea agreement in this case, the plea date has been adjourned several times. This last date, March 16<sup>th</sup> unfortunately is a day that I am scheduled to be away from New York.

I appreciate your consideration in this matter.

Respectfully yours,

*Marion Seltzer*

Copy: Joshua Dratel, Esq.  
AUSA Alex Solomon

The application is granted.  
SO ORDERED denied

s/WFK

William F. Kuntz, II, U.S.D.J.

Dated: Mar 9, 2018  
Brooklyn, New York